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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Comparative Milestones in the Development
of the A-12, B-58 and B-70

1. This is for information only.
2. The attached memorandum by [REDACTED] of OSA is a short analysis of the development time scales of the three aircraft in question. I thought you might be interested in this comparative analysis as background for possible future discussions on the subject. These three aircraft are selected because each represents a genuine advancement in the state of the art. All three aircraft required both airframe and engine development.
3. This memorandum indicates clearly that the A-12 development has proceeded in a significantly shorter time span. The original U-2 was developed in approximately nine months to a year, but that airplane was built on an already proven engine and within the state of the art aircraft design. Therefore, there is little significance in comparing the U-2 and A-12 development time scale.

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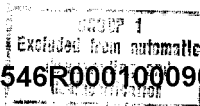
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